



**Agenda Item Number: 2006-5-3A**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** May 23, 2006

**Department:** Commission **Staff Contact:** Mary Salazar, Commission Assistant

**TITLE:** Proclamation Acknowledging the many contributions made by Mayor Harry Kinney

**ACTION:** Presentation of Proclamation

### **SUMMARY:**

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the many contributions made by Mayor Harry Kinney. He owned and operated a local appliance store, was a staff engineer at Sandia National Laboratories, served as a member of the Bernalillo County Commission and the Albuquerque City Council, was president of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, acted as a special assistant to U.S. Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico and much later in his life sought the GOP nomination for New Mexico governor, worked as a substitute teacher, and even drove a cab.

In 1974 he was elected to his first of two terms as Mayor of Albuquerque during which time he oversaw the beginning of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, funded the Paseo del Norte bridge, purchased land for open space and the Rio Grande Nature Center, worked to attract high-tech businesses, pushed to build the Convention Center and Civic Plaza, and was affectionately known for his kind, gentle nature. Mr. Kinney also served on the County Planning Commission from

### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Draft Proclamation